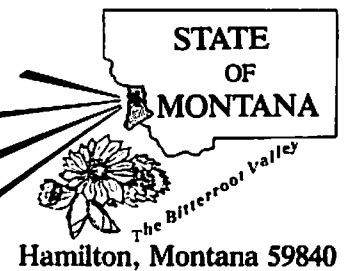


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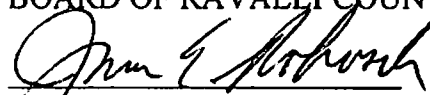
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## RE: SUPPORT FOR BITTER ROOT RC&D FOREST STEWARDSHIP COMMUNITY COORDINATOR PROJECT


Dear Steve;

We support the efforts of the Bitter Root RC & D to build community capacity and foster the ability of private firms, public entities, and other interested parties to position ourselves to become proactively involved in stewardship efforts in our area. The Bitter Root RC & D Area, Inc. has demonstrated the ability to do this type of work and now is in need of some financial assistance to develop the skills to actively pursue and promote landscape scale stewardship projects. The Ravalli County Commissioners are a primary sponsor of the Bitter Root RC & D and we believe that this effort could lead to expanded economic activity in our area with improved and more comprehensive treatment of our forested areas. As a partner of the RC & D, the Ravalli County Board of Commissioners supports the approved projects of the RC & D through our continued interaction, involvement and sponsorship since 1965.


Sincerely,  
BOARD OF RAVALLI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
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